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SUBJECT: SAUDI INTEREST IN LITERATURE ON AID PROGRAMS

1. IN A MAY 31 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE HIM WITH LITERATURE ON U.S. AID PROGRAMS WHICH THE SAG COULD STUDY IN PREPARATION OF ITS OWN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE MECHANISM.
 2. OBVIOUSLY, MOST MATERIAL ON U.S. AID PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE LITTLE RELEVANCE TO WHAT THE SAUDIS WILL BE DOING IN THE AID FIELD BUT WE HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME MATERIALS WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THEM.
 3. WE HAVE NOTED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN THE PAST THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE BECOME GENEROUS AID DONORS BUT THAT THEY ARE FREQUENTLY CONSTRAINED BY THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO HAVE THE MONEY THEY PROVIDE SQUANDERED AND BY THEIR INABILITY TO SUPERVISE THE USE OF THE MONEY TO ENSURE THAT IT ISN'T. IF WE CAN HELP THE SAUDIS PUT TOGETHER THEIR OWN AID AGENCY, A DIRECT RESULT COULD BE EVEN GREATER SAUDI GENEROSITY TO THE LDC'S.
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